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Page 2, column 1, line 1: "Analytical CHEmistry" should be -- Analytical Chemistry --

Column 9, line 48: "eight" should be -- eighth --

Column 10, line 36: "eight" should be -- eighth --

Column 10, line 40: "eight" should be -- eighth --

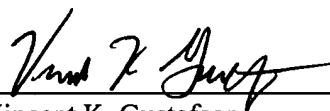
Column 13, line 5: "port 614" should be -- port 604 --

Column 17, line 37: "Advantage" should be -- Advantages --

Column 17, line 54: "HPLC pumps" should be -- HPLC pump --

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

In the References Cited: Other Publications section, second column, in the twelfth full publication listed, "Marcell Dekker, Inc." should be -- Marcel Dekker, Inc. --

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